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Newsletter of the Durand Neighbourhood Association

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The Durand Neighbourhood is the inner city district bounded by Main Street West, James Street South, the Escarpment and Queen Street South. It is home to approximately 12,000 Hamiltonians. The Durand Neighbourhood Association (DNA) was established in 1972 as a politically independent community organization and chartered as a not-for-profit Provincial Corporation. It is the DNA's vision to be the model downtown community that protects heritage while creating a diverse, sustainable and vibrant future. Please contact us at any time with questions, comments or concerns about the neighbourhood or if you are interested in volunteering, joining or renewing your membership.

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Frances Murray

Spring is arriving and the Durand neighbourhood will soon be in bloom. We are fortunate to live in this beautiful neighbourhood with its rich heritage and lovely gardens.

Thank you to everyone who purchased the Durand calendar, published in collaboration with the Dundas Valley School of Art. The artwork in the calendar is stunning. Thank you also to the artists who spent many hot days in the summer of 2016 working on their creations featuring the Durand neighbourhood. Durand Coffee was our central hub for sales of these calendars – Chris and Christine are amazing. They give so much to our neighbourhood, in addition to the vibrancy they have brought with their thriving business.

In this newsletter, we bring you news of upcoming events and updates on James Street Baptist, and St. Marks. Be sure to mark your calendars for:

JUNE 24

45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, DURAND PARK

Also in this issue, an update on a proposal by Medallion Corporation to redevelop its property bordered by Bold, Duke, MacNab and Park. As always, there is a lot going on in our downtown neighbourhood.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement.
Please feel free to email me at:
president@durandna.com
if you have any comments or suggestions.

45TH ANNIVERSARY - TIME TO CELEBRATE

Frances Murray

Duranders, it's time to celebrate and it wouldn't be the same without you. Mark your calendars for June 24th 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. There will be music, displays, food trucks, face painting, balloon animals, horse and buggy rides!

We are proud of the work accomplished by the Durand Neighbourhood Association, and it's time to have fun, recognize our history and energize for the future.

- *Hope to see you there!*



MEDALLION DEVELOPMENT



Frances Murray

Potential New Development - Medallion Corporation has purchased the property between Duke, Bold, MacNab and Park. This property currently contains five low-rise buildings of yellow brick. It also borders the MacNab-Charles Heritage district. Howie Paskowitz and his team visited a recent DNA board meeting to talk about their plans for the property. Medallion is in the business of managing rental units, so maintaining this as a rental area is their goal. They would like to add density to this plot of land because it's prime real estate, close to the GO station and downtown.

The DNA is planning a meeting with the developer in the near future and would like to get your input. Please watch the blog for date and time.

HERITAGE UPDATES - MARCH 2017

HERITAGE WATCH HAMILTON - Janice Brown

Welcome to Heritage Watch Hamilton. This is a group of concerned citizens (including me) who have formed to create a unified voice to advocate for built heritage in the City of Hamilton. We have formed a network to facilitate and enhance communication among the various groups and individuals involved with the preservation of our city's built heritage. The Durand Neighbourhood Association is part of this growing network.

We take action when a heritage building or street is endangered and work with the community and the municipal and provincial governments to ensure that the Ontario Heritage Act, which was created to safeguard our historic legacy of architecture, is utilized in the decision-making process.

Heritage Watch Hamilton strives to encourage our City's decision-makers to preserve and protect its built heritage and to halt the trend of sacrificing our history and past accomplishments in the name of progress. We seek more creative solutions that bring past and future, heritage and development together in harmony while respecting the importance of both. Our past successes include the Lister, Sandyford Place, and Auchmar.

Our focus at present is the effort to Save the Gore. We are working with "Friends of the Gore", an ad hoc group of concerned Hamilton citizens formed in response to the proposed demolition of the historic buildings at 18-22 and 24-28 King Street East fronting onto Gore Park. We oppose the complete or partial demolition of these structurally sound buildings and we support City Council's unanimous resolution of December 11, 2013 to designate them under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Currently we have a petition that many of you have signed and for that we thank you. This petition along with a letter has been sent to Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Sport Tourism and Culture, Mayor Fred Eisenberger and City Council, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, PC Leader Patrick Brown and several others. Here is the link: <https://www.change.org/t/gore-park-en-ca>

We also have a Lawn Sign campaign underway. Please email jedbrown2009@gmail.com if you would like to have a sign delivered.

Please visit our site for more information and if you are passionate about Heritage, please add your name to our subscribers list at www.heritagewatchhamilton.ca so that we can engage you as we continue our efforts to conserve preserve and adapt our past to our future. As they say....there is strength in numbers!

<http://www.heritagewatchhamilton.ca>

ST MARK'S - Janice Brown

St Mark's Phase Construction Phase one has determined that there are no sewers. They apparently were damaged during road construction and because the building was not in use they were never repaired. However, this is good news as we will now have new sewer replacement for the St Mark's Community facility. We are still keeping our fingers crossed for a 2018 Grand Opening!

THE CONNOLLY (JAMES STREET BAPTIST) - Janice Brown

Not much has changed since I last reported in the Winter Durander. Stanton Renaissance filed a Record of Site Condition* (#222077) with the Ministry of Environment on May 25th, 2016. However, the City of Hamilton has yet to receive a copy of the Notice of Acknowledgement from the Ministry of the Environment. This document is required for the rezoning application to remove the holding provision.

In regards to the status of the Site Plan Control approval, the applicant has until May 25, 2017 to clear the site plan conditions and obtain a Building Permit before the approval lapses. Should the approval lapse, the applicant would be subject to a Site Plan Approval Extension fee.

I continue to hold my breath. However, on the positive side according to their website Stanton Renaissance is building Mimico.

<http://www.stantonrenaissance.com/on-the-go-mimico-condos/>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/first-of-its-kind-condo-deal-has-been-mired-in-financial-troubles-1.3026915>

*A record of site condition (RSC) summarizes the environmental condition of a property based on its intended use. It requires the completion of one or more environmental site assessments (ESAs) conducted or supervised by a qualified person. (QP). Assessment includes soil sediment, and groundwater standards applicable to the intended use for which the RSC is being filed. This along with supporting documents is then filed electronically in the Environmental Site Registry (ESR) once the ministry confirms that the contents of the RSC meet regulatory requirements.

1 ST JAMES PLACE - Janice Brown

Property Standards has issued an Order to Comply. The appeal on the Order to Comply requiring remediation of the mold at 1 St James was adjourned to May 1, 2017. The outstanding matter of the exterior painting (the Order which was upheld and required the property owner to complete all work by November 4) remains incomplete. Staff will be arranging for contractors to commence with that work at the beginning of April or as weather permits.

CHARACTER PROJECT

Frances Murray

We have received the first draft of the report from Civic Plan, incorporating all of the data and information gathered by volunteer street auditors. (Thank you, by the way, if you participated as a street auditor or filled out the survey.)

There is a lot of information in the report, as well as recommendations for the future.

Next Steps:

- The DNA Board will review the report and meet with Civic Plan for Q&A
- Report will be published to our website for review by Durand residents
- A public meeting will be arranged to allow residents to ask questions of Civic Plan and the Councillor

We have a beautiful neighbourhood in Durand, with unique characteristics to maintain and protect.

See www.durandcharacter.com for more information.



45TH ANNIVERSARY - FEATURED VENDOR

45th ANNIVERSARY FEATURED VENDOR - hammercloth

“**Hammercloth**” blankets, called this because they are made in Hamilton, are freshly restored 100% pure wool blankets. With some added design and new binding they are ready for the next chapter in their life.

Use them for picnic blankets, boat and car blankets, at the cottage, on the balcony, in front of a camp fire or for added warmth at the end of your bed.

These machine washable blankets (warm wash, warm dry) are strong, durable and able to be reinvented, authentic, imperfect, welcoming, warm and very reasonably priced!



WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Frances Murray

Woman of Distinction and DNA Board Member

Our DNA Board of Directors is made up of individuals with really outstanding talent and achievement. We are so lucky they dedicate their “spare” time to working for our neighbourhood. We have one board member who has been recognized in a big way for her lifetime of work – Anne Tennier.

Anne recently won the Woman of Distinction Lifetime Achievement award. She was nominated in two categories, the other category was Science, Technology and Trades.

The Status of Women committee began presenting the Annual Woman of the Year awards in 1975. In 2006 the YWCA continued the awards program. The awards are to celebrate the outstanding achievements of women in our community. The YWCA accepts nominations for outstanding women who make a significant difference by showing vision, creativity and initiative.

The following is the profile for Anne Tennier from the program from the 41st Annual Women of Distinction Awards gala:

Anne Tennier, M. Eng (Chemical Engineer) is a chemist and professional engineer. She was V.P. Environmental Sustainability for Maple Leaf Foods. Her career has focused on researching, designing and constructing innovative solutions to complex environmental problems in various industrial sectors and seeking ways to reduce industry’s environmental footprint related to climate change, water and waste. In 2006, Anne created Anne Tennier Consulting Inc. to help new and existing companies integrate community and environmental concerns



and government regulations into effective planning that benefits all. In addition, Anne’s participation on many community boards and extensive mentoring of young women leaders form a vital part of her 15-year contribution to Hamilton.

As a board member, Anne is calm and intelligent. She often raises points of discussion not previously considered and is also a person who rolls her sleeves up to take on the most challenging jobs, e.g. managing volunteers for our 45th Anniversary Celebration.

Congratulations on this well-deserved award, Anne.

CRIME MANAGER’S REPORT

CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE DURAND NEIGHBOURHOOD - February 14th, 2017 to March 14th, 2017

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| Robberies | 0 |
| Commercial Break and Enters | 1 |
| Residential Break and Enters | 0 |
| Mischief to Auto | 1 |
| Graffiti | 0 |
| Stolen Autos | 2 |
| Theft from Auto | 0 |

Commercial Break & Enter – unknown suspect crawled through back unlocked window of business and took money from the till

Mischief to Auto – car windshield smashed on James Street south

Stolen Autos – truck taken from Hunter Street West (recovered at Leander) and minivan stolen from Robinson

Prepared by Sgt. Jen McFeggan #785
SouthTown Crime Manager



COUNCILLOR JASON FARR REMARKS

Spring Meltdown May Encourage Durand Clean-up Tour By Councillor Jason Farr

Hello, Duranders and welcome to Spring 2017. After a cold winter that wrapped up with a record breaking mid-March snowfall, we now find ourselves eager to both give a boost to those bulbs and also clean-up our neighbourhoods.

I am happy to report that once again, your Ward 2 Councillor office and staff at the City of Hamilton along with volunteers from our Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee are ready to assist should you wish to get your friends and neighbours together for a Team Up to Clean Up Durand walk-a-bout.

We very much welcome back spring and with it, the annual Team Up to Clean Up 2017 Spring Blitz. All across Hamilton, people will be teaming up to clean up litter and graffiti...Keeping Hamilton Clean & Green!

The City of Hamilton's Team Up to Clean Up spring blitz is a major city-wide community cleanup event that takes place throughout the month of April. This year's event has a goal of engaging 15,000 participant volunteers in neighbourhood clean ups across the city. Enthusiastic, committed, and helpful volunteers are essential to make it happen and I would encourage you to participate in the Team Up to Clean Up 2017 this spring.

All your event supplies (work gloves, special litter bags, recycling bags and graffiti wipes) will be provided at least one week before the scheduled clean up.



I would love to support you in this annual tradition. If you would like to schedule a Team Up to Clean Up event in the Durand, please contact your Ward 2 Councillor office and we will assist you in setting a date and making arrangements. 905 546 4677.

Happy Spring 2017.

Councillor Jason Farr
Ward 2



CALL or EMAIL the Mayor & Councillor Farr!

SAVE GORE HERITAGE

How can Council tear down Confederation era buildings in the year of Canada's Sesquicentennial?



Proposed development



“Hamilton’s legacy of historic buildings and streetscapes are its greatest distinction and worthy of enhanced restoration effort.”

(Hamilton’s Official City Plan 2013)

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